



4 March 2021

COVID cases

On 3 March we had 9 new cases. The infection rate is 26/100,000 across the NHS Highland area: 19/100,000 in Argyll and Bute and 28/100,000 in North Highland.

We have a total of 11 inpatient cases in Raigmore, plus four in ITU, and three in Argyll and Bute. There have been 164 recorded deaths in the NHS Highland area since the start of the pandemic: 93 in Highland and 71 in Argyll and Bute.

Vaccination

NHS Highland continues to vaccinate patients in line with the Scottish Government and guidance for the vaccination programme. We have exceeded the target of vaccinating over 85% of all those aged over 65 (Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunization (JCVI) cohort groups 1-5). We are now starting first dose vaccinations for cohort 6, 'clinically at risk 16-65. This large group is being split into sub groups which are still being defined. We are delivering second doses to care home residents and front line health and care workers.

We have given 108,920 people their first dose vaccination: 39.7% of the population over age 16 compared to 36.6% for Scotland as a whole. Vaccination data is now available on the Scottish Government's daily <u>interactive dashboard</u>.